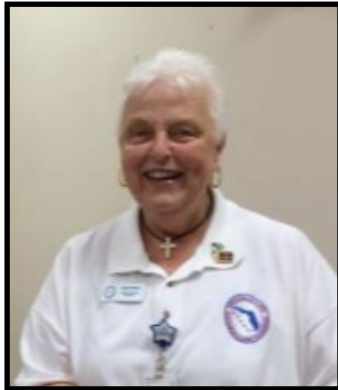


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Upcoming Events

AFHAV Board Meeting will be held in Ocala May 23,24,25.

AFHAV Board Meetings will be held as needed via Webex.

Watch www.afhavinc.org for Updates

Dear AFHAV Members,

I hope you are all healthy and more at ease by having had your vaccine for COVID-19. We can at least see the light at the end of the tunnel.

As some of you know, a few of our Auxiliaries/Volunteer teams are back in a few areas in our hospitals. Those areas -front desks, gift shops, rehab areas and other office duties are what we have heard.

Our AFHAV Board is planning on meeting in May for planning and discussion. That information will be put on our Web site following the meeting.

Two of our Past Presidents, David Amirault, and myself are going to join a board meeting on Microsoft to discuss AFHAV history and mission, goals, and activities. David will discuss our web site and sending items for our web site. If any auxiliary would like us to join a meeting, we would be glad to, just call or message me or any board member. My phone number is 954-562-9417. You can message me on that number, also.

Don't forget to look at our Web site and if you would like to put any notes or pictures on the site, send them to David.

I have missed our duties as board members especially our District Meetings and our meetings in Ocala.

We are ready to start the planning process for re-engaging the AFHAV with our auxiliaries/volunteer members.

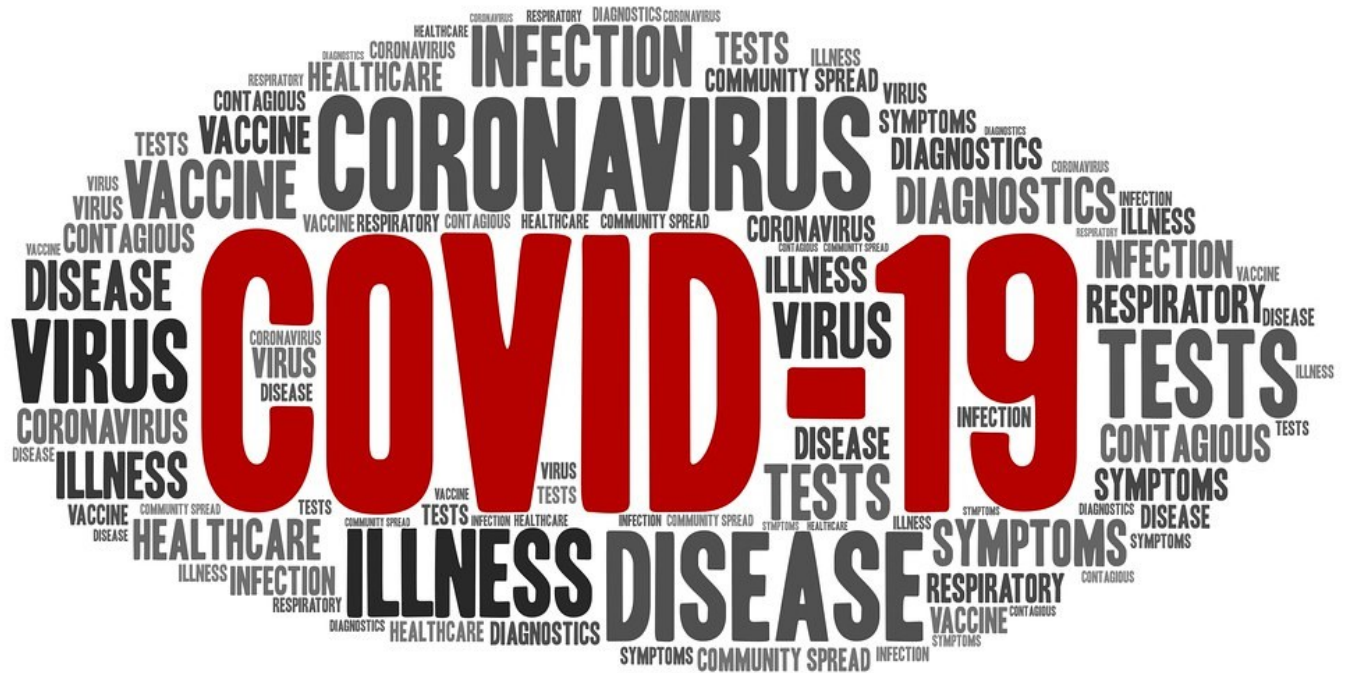
PLEASE STAY SAFE!!! We are always just a call away!!!!

"A Person Who Feels Appreciated
Will Always Do More Than Is
Expected"

"The Number One Skill In Life
Is Not Giving Up"

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Thank You To All Essential Workers!!

While many of us were staying home to stay safe many people still worked to keep us healthy, keep our stores open and stocked, keep our trash picked up, keep our deliveries coming from UPS, FEDEX, Amazon, etc.. Not only did our medical professionals keep working to save lives, but some volunteers kept volunteering to provide help where they could. The AFHAV Board of Directors thank you and pray that the new normal will soon include us all again.

Update on what is happening around the state

From George Breenstahl, Northwest District Director

Hospitals in AFHAV Northwest District have not recalled their volunteers to return to work. However, during the last year, two hospitals have had a very limited number of volunteers working as needed.

To date, none of our hospitals have established and/or announced a date to recall all of their volunteers to return to work. Some hospitals are currently contacting their volunteers to ensure flu vaccinations are up to date in preparation of a volunteer work recall.

I know of at least one Hospital Auxiliary Board that for several months has had virtual board meetings.

Not unexpected, but appreciated, is the number of comments I have heard from Volunteers and Medical Staff concerning how much they look forward to the return of their volunteers.

From James Davis, East Central District Director:

“Some of the auxiliary organizations have allowed volunteers to participate but many have not because of the virus. Many of the volunteers have been vacillating between coming back but still have concerns even after receiving the vaccine. Halifax and AdventHealth Daytona have allowed volunteers to come back in some areas of the hospital. I hope that 2021 will be better than 2020 and that we get together soon. “

Update on what is happening (continued)

From Mary Roff, South Nominating Committee:

“In the immediate area of Palm Beach County, volunteers are not yet back serving the hospitals. I believe Delray Beach Hospital has allowed a few volunteers at the registration desk, but, that is it. I understand they are also allowing one visitor to see a patient. Jupiter Hospital is still not allowing visitors and, therefore, will not allow volunteers to return. We believe things will change by next month as the COVID numbers are decreasing. When our volunteers return, it will be in various phases with inpatient services being last. Our concern is that many volunteers will not be returning. We have heard from a few that they are not planning to return. Hope you are well. Stay safe.

From David Amirault, West Central District Director:

As in many areas of the state, hospital’s policies on volunteers working vary. Many hospitals still do not allow volunteers to work. Other hospitals allow volunteers in certain areas, but not in direct patient contact areas. Even in those hospitals that have volunteers working, the number of volunteers willing to return to work has declined substantially. Many of those that previously volunteered have decided not to return to volunteering at all. It remains to be seen how many past volunteers will decide to return to volunteering at hospitals once everyone gets vaccinated. Most hospitals still have reduced visiting hours and restrictions on those that can visit.

This, of course, has a direct impact on areas that affect volunteer organization income, like gift shops and fundraising. Hopefully, things will get better in 2021.

From AFHAV Treasurer Peggy Griffith:

Northeast District:

Baptist Medical Center Nassau – Fernandina Beach. We have kept the same officers for this year. Graciously everyone agreed to continue! We are slowly returning to volunteer areas in our hospital. Our absence really brought home to staff how valuable we are!

Betsy Schoelen, Auxiliary President

Northwest District:

Gulf Breeze Hospital – Gulf Breeze

The status of returning volunteers will be addressed at the end of June.

South District:

Broward Health Medical Center – Ft. Lauderdale

Volunteers are still out.

West Central District:

AdventHealth Zephyrhills, Zephyrhills

All volunteers who wish to be working are working.

Brenda Welcher, Manager Volunteer Services

DeSoto Memorial Hospital – Arcadia

We only have a few "runners" (very few) but the Gift Shop is open 5 days a week 9am-2pm (our summer hours). We only have 5 Gift Shop workers and 1 sub. What we make is more than what we would have if we weren't open at all.

Jane Powers, Auxiliary President

Doctors Hospital of Sarasota – Sarasota

All volunteers who wish to be working are working.

St. Joseph's Hospitals

Volunteers returned to limited service in September.



From Pat Ellis, Immediate Past President:

St Anthony's Hospital has volunteers back in some areas like the gift shop.

Manatee Memorial Hospital will be hiring a new manager for their volunteer program and it is possible that volunteers at MMH might be allowed back by the first of April.

Please remember and pray for all those that have passed away or are currently living with Corona Virus.

This devastating disease has affected so many families and friends as well as many volunteer organizations this past year.

The AFHAV Board of Directors asks that you keep all those affected in your thoughts and prayers.

Thank you....

